

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, April 15, 2013, 4:30pm, in the Council Chambers. Present at said meeting were Richard Shockley Karen Springer, John MacDonald, Patrick Flannelly and Attorney, Andy Gutwein. Pennie Ainsworth, Lee Booth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Dan Dunten and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Absent from the meeting was Park Board member Aimee Jacobsen, Council President Ann Hunt, Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen and staff member, Joe Payne.

Richard convened the Board at 4:33pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2013 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Pennie reported in Joe's absence:

- Joe's report was included with agenda packet.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- The first two loads (each is a semi load) of playground surfacing material were delivered to Happy Hollow Park last week. The contractors are installing today.
- Registration is still under way for our adult softball leagues. We have 12 paid coed teams and 7 men's teams. Friday is the last day to sign up. Next week is our schedule conflict meetings. League play begins the week of May 6.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections are available
- Finished opening the parks
- Installing new informational signs along trails
- New siding is being installed on the barn and we are still doing various jobs around the new office area
- Started cutting grass today

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

- The staff has worked diligently on setting up the new office space. The new office was officially operational on Friday, March 22. There are still a few boxes to deal with, but other than that, we are functional.
- Sixty-eight children enrolled in the Spring Non-Contact Football Clinic. The clinic was for children in grades K-5 to learn the fundamentals of the game with Coach Shane Fry.
- Summer brochures are at the printer and should be mailed out by the end of the week or beginning of next week. Priority registration is by mail. Open registration will begin on April 26.
- Applications are being accepted for summer positions.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- WALLA had another successful session of classes. They ended last week with 256 seniors participating.
- Morton's Spring Dance Recital will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Loeb Playhouse at Purdue at 4 p.m. Over 200 dancers from 165 different families will be participating. I have complimentary tickets to the recital at Loeb if anyone would like one or two.

- The Coalition for Living Well After 50, which we are a member of, will have an event on May 8 called Active Living and Senior Fun Day. There will be a health fair at Eastside 9 from 8-9:30 in the morning followed by a movie *Hope Springs*. After the movie, a free lunch and wellness presentation will be at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. The group also was able to print Active Living Guides for seniors with a grant from North Central Health Services. Morton Community Center has some of our classes listed that are particularly suited for seniors. There are a few guides available today for anyone that would like one.
- Morton Community Center will be at the opening Farmers Market on May 1 to promote our summer classes.
- Goodwill will be parking a trailer in the Northeast corner of Morton's Parking lot the weekend of May 4-5 to take donations from students that are moving out that weekend.

Stewardship Manager – Dan reported on the following:

- **Educating fourth graders** – Some of us associated with the WL Tree Fund cooperated with the Soil & Water Conservation District and the Lafayette Tree Committee to educate 1,400 fourth graders on the importance of trees during Agriculture Awareness Days last week. In addition, we provided each student with a free seedling to take home and plant. I worked with Purdue and we provided literature for them to take home on the Emerald Ash borer.
- **DeTrash the Wabash** – This will be Saturday from 8:30am-1:00pm, starting at Tapawingo Park. Approximately 150-200 volunteers will help pick up trash on both sides of the river.
- **Sam's Birthday** – Sam Postlethwait is an outstanding volunteer at the Celery Bog Nature Area and he turns 95 years old tomorrow. About 75 people, including the Mayor, will be at the Lilly Nature Center in the morning to surprise him. We are forming a new 1000-hour volunteer award in his name and his will be the first name we add to the plaque. WLF and the J&C will also be there.

Mind BOGgling Event – This will be Saturday, May 18, at the Celery Bog Nature Area. It will include several hikes, speakers, and activities for all ages, falconry presentation, and many other things, including live, nature-related music. The planning committee would like to make some things available for purchase at this event and it is customary to have board approval from the West Lafayette Park Board. Discussion followed. It was suggested it be advertised that items will be available for purchase so that parents are not caught off guard. Karen motioned to approve the selling of various items for the event. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Revised Pool Rental Rates

Pennie noted we only presented the proposed Not-For-Profit (Class I) private pool rental fees at last month's meeting, which were approved. We did not mention the For-Profit proposed private pool rental fees, which are intended for groups that rent the pool and charge a fee to those attending their event. The proposed fees for the For-Profit (Class II) private pool rentals (covers a two-hour time block) will be \$250.00 for weekday rentals and \$275.00 for weekend rentals. For both classifications, the initial amounts are for 0-50 attendees and provide two lifeguards and a pool manager. For every additional

attendee, increasing in increments of 25, the rate increases by \$40.00 per 2-hour rental and provides an additional lifeguard per increment of 25.

2013 POOL RENTAL FEES

<u>CLASS I</u>	<u>WEEKDAY 2 HOURS</u>	<u>WEEKEND 2 HOURS</u>
0-50	\$ 200.00	\$225.00
51-75	\$ 240.00	\$265.00
76-100	\$ 280.00	\$305.00
101-125	\$ 320.00	\$345.00

<u>CLASS II</u>	<u>2 HOURS</u>	<u>2 HOURS</u>
0-50	\$ 250.00	\$275.00
51-75	\$ 290.00	\$315.00
76-100	\$ 330.00	\$355.00
101-125	\$ 370.00	\$395.00

CLASS OF ORGANIZATIONS

CLASS I – This category includes civic groups, service organizations, schools, churches and other non-profit organizations, if the purpose of the use of the facility is for recreational programs that contribute to the general welfare of the community. Any fund raising activity sponsored by a *CLASS I* organization must be considered as a *CLASS II* project.

CLASS II – Groups who wish to use the facility for special fund raising projects or those not otherwise defined in *CLASS I*.

Reservations must be made at least TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

Karen motioned to approve the For-Profit pool rental fees as presented. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Neighborhood Park

Pennie noted the item was included for this month's meeting for Ann Hunt to discuss. Due to her absence, Richard asked for the item be included on next month's agenda.

New Business**Whyte Horse Winery Request**

Beverly Shaw provided some background information by introducing folks affiliated with the Sagamore West Farmers Market. Sue Gerard, one of the Farmers Market Masters, gave a brief description of what is new this year at the market, noting more atmosphere is being added to the market this year. In addition to these items, Whyte Horse Winery, who were unable to attend today's meeting due to a barn fire, would like to request selling wine by the glass at the market. Deputy Chief, Chris Leroux, spoke regarding his findings with the State Excise and everything meets the requirements from a legal standing. He stated the Police do not have any objections at this time. He noted that if issues arise later on, he would like to come back to the Park Board to try to rectify those issues. The Park Board agreed. John motioned to approve the request, allowing Whyte Horse Winery to sell wine by the glass at the Farmers Market. Pat seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Proposal for Tippco Use of Salisbury Soccer Fields

- Kevin Dittman, Tournament Director for Tippco Soccer, presented a request for use of Cumberland Park soccer fields, currently used by the Greater Lafayette Recreational Soccer Association, as an overflow facility if there are too many teams for Tippco's facility to accommodate for a tournament scheduled for the weekend of June 7-9. Pennie noted GLRSA is not using the fields that weekend and they do not object to the use. Karen motioned to approve the request as presented. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Lilly Nature Center Study of Emerald Ash Borer – Cliff Sadof, Professor in Entomology at Purdue University, along with his graduate student, presented his proposal for use of the Celery Bog Nature Area to conduct a biological control study of the Emerald Ash Borer by introducing a stingless wasp that attacks and kills this pest. The ash trees will be monitored during the summer of 2013 for larvae development. As the larvae reach a certain stage, a parasitic wasp will be introduced to parasitize the EAB on selected green ash trees. Trees will continue to be monitored for parasitoid development. Eventually, the ash trees will be harvested. They will be brought back to the lab for dissection in order to determine their capacity to kill EAB. Discussion followed. Pat motioned to approve the request as presented. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

West Lafayette Municipal Pool Mural

Pennie reported she was under the impression Craig Martin, the artist for the mural, would be here to discuss the mural. There was much uncertainty regarding the mural, such as funding and the design implementation. There was discussion regarding other items that could possibly be included in the mural, suggestions by Sue Mattern were to incorporate some of the items used by the younger children in swim lessons. Karen requested to see a revised drawing of the mural, following Craig's discussion with Sue Mattern. The board agreed.

Red Cross Request for Community Bay Rental

Michele Tomarelli presented a request for the Red Cross volunteers to be allowed storage space for a 12' canoe at the Community Bay Boathouse for approximately 2.5 months, asking for the fee to be waived, so they could participate in races at Riverfest this coming July. The Red Cross will pay the \$100.00 deposit for the key. Pat motioned to approve waiving the Community Bay monthly rental fee for the Red Cross. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Bicycle Lafayette - Bike Polo

Aaron Madrid, founder of Bicycle Lafayette, introduced himself and provided some background for Bicycle Lafayette, a non-profit, advocacy and education group. The mission of the group is to promote cycling as a safe, viable and healthy form of transportation and recreation in Lafayette and West Lafayette. May is National Bike Month and there are many different educational initiatives coming up, along with handouts, to help educate the public about cycling. As part of their mission to educate and inform people about the various types of cycling, they would like to hold a Bike Polo Exhibition Educational Day. The group is requesting use of the Riverside Skating Center on Saturday, May 18, 11:00am - 4:00pm, to educate and demonstrate the various aspects of Bike Polo. The newly formed organization is also requesting to have the rental fee for the facility waived. They will be teaming up with members of Lafayette Hard Court Bike Polo and Indiana Bicycle Coop. Indiana Bicycle Coop is an organization who sponsors various Bike Polo events throughout the state. They have agreed to let them use their insurance to cover the event. Discussion followed. Karen motioned to approve waiving the fees for this event, contingent upon a repeat of the event, hoping it is successful, that payment will be charged after the initial year, also noting a Certificate of Liability Insurance must be provided and a Facility Use Agreement must be completed for the event. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Request for Morton Refund

Caitlin McPherson requested a \$40.00 refund for a Beginning Ballroom class she enrolled in at Morton Community Center. She enrolled as a single individual and was under the impression it was not an issue if she did not have a partner. She felt that it was an issue the night of the first class and decided she did not want to continue with the class. The instructor worked to resolve the issue, but it was not resolved to Caitlin's satisfaction, therefore resulting in her refund request. Discussion followed. Karen motioned to approve the refund request for \$40.00. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- On March 18, the NAMM Foundation designated 307 school districts across the country as Best Communities for Music Education. The Best Communities designation recognizes collaborative, from-the-ground-up efforts of teachers, administrators, students & parents who continually work to keep comprehensive music education as an integral part of the core curriculum. WLCSC again received this designation. Of the 307, only four were from Indiana: Carmel, Penn-Harris – Madison Schools, South Bend Community School District, WLCSC

Wabash River

- Richard noted they have met since our last meeting and there were some HR issues being dealt with. They were awarded several grants, everything is progressing nicely, and they are ahead of schedule.

Other

Consideration of Special Request Form

Andy distributed a copy of the form he created for groups requesting special consideration for use of our facilities or programs that we offer. The form was reviewed and discussion followed. The item will be revisited for additional input.

West Lafayette Public Library Request

Pennie presented a request for the donation of 60 single admission child pool passes for the library's Summer Reading Program. This has been an ongoing annual request. Discussion followed. Karen motioned to approve the request for 60 single admission child pool passes as presented. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pay Claims

Karen motioned for claims to be paid. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

John motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary